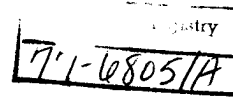


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Dear Ray,

Thank you for sending me the draft of the new edition of your World Power Assessment. It is certainly an ambitious attempt to isolate, weigh and add up the key factors in the US power matchup with the USSR and the rest of the world. The book is particularly useful because it forces the reader to focus sharply upon these variables as reinforcements to and subtractions from national strength.

Your treatment of the importance of US net economic advantage over the USSR was particularly intriguing. This growing advantage will have increasing importance in both US and USSR policy-making decisions as this gap expands.

Again, thanks for treating me to an advanced look at your new book. All the best.

Yours,

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